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In re Application of: ) Confirmation No.: 9083  
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Serial No.: 10/736,866 ) Group Art Unit: 3732  
Filed: December 16, 2003 ) Examiner: Eduardo Robert  
For: BONE HEMI-LUMBAR INTERBODY )  
SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT HAVING )  
AN ASYMMETRICAL LEADING )  
END AND METHOD OF )  
INSTALLATION THEREOF )

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in the above-referenced application.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and indicate that they were considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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<b>U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>					
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	2003/0130737	07-2003	McGahan et al.		
	6,258,125	07-2001	Paul et al.		
	6,277,149	08-2001	Boyle et al.		
	6,610,085	08-2003	Branch et al.		
<b>FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS</b>					
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